

## Federal Emergency Management Agency

## § 152.4

dispatch centers or communication infrastructure. Examples of these include 911 systems, computer-aided dispatch systems, global positioning systems, towers, fixed repeaters, etc.

*New mission* is a first-responder function that a department has never delivered in the past or that was once delivered but has since been abandoned by the department due to the lack of funding or community support. Examples include technical search and rescue, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, etc. A new mission does not include services already provided from existing facilities. Opening additional stations to provide similar services would be considered an expansion of existing services.

*Population* means permanent residents in the first-due response area or jurisdiction served by the applicant. It does not include seasonal population or any population in area that the fire department responds to under mutual/automatic aid agreements.

*Prop* is something that can be held up in a classroom or moved from site to site in order to facilitate or enhance the training experience. A training tower (pre-fabricated or constructed) is not a prop.

*Renovation* means changes or alterations or modifications to an existing structure that do not exceed either \$10,000 or 50 percent of the value of the structure and do not involve a change in the footprint or profile of the structure.

*State* means any of the fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

*Supplies* means any expendable property that typically has a one-time use limit and an expectation of being replaced within one year.

*Vehicle* is a mechanized device used for carrying passengers, goods, or equipment. Examples of vehicles include, but are not limited to: pumpers, brush trucks, tankers, tenders, attack pumpers, rescue (transport and non-transport), ambulances, foam units, quints, aerials, ladders, towers, hazmat vehicles, squads, crash rescue (ARFF), boats, hovercraft, planes, and helicopters.

*Volunteer Department* is a fire suppression agency or organization in which no active firefighters are considered full-time employees, and which no members receive financial compensation for their services rendered on behalf of the department other than life/health insurance, workers' compensation insurance, length of service awards, pay per-call or per-hour, or similar token compensation.

### § 152.3 Availability of funds.

(a) Fire departments that have received funding under the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program in previous years are eligible to apply for funding in the current year. No applicant can receive more than \$750,000 in Federal grant funds under this program in any fiscal year. The awards made under the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program are for one year only. The period of performance will be detailed in the award documents provided each grantee.

(b) The scoring of the applications will determine the distribution of the funding among the eligible programs. Notwithstanding anything in this part, no more than 25 percent of the grant funds shall be used to assist recipients to purchase firefighting vehicles and not less than 5 percent of all funds appropriated for firefighter assistance shall be available for fire prevention programs.

(c) We will not provide assistance under this part for activities for which another Federal agency has more specific or primary authority to provide assistance for the same purpose. We may disallow or recoup amounts that fall within other Federal agency's authority.

### § 152.4 Roles and responsibilities.

(a) Applicants must:

- (1) Complete the application and certify to the accuracy of the application;
- (2) Certify that they are an eligible applicant, i.e., a fire department, as defined in this rule;
- (3) Certify as to the characteristics of their community, i.e., urban, suburban, or rural;
- (4) Certify to the size of the population of the community served; and,